

DID HIS ASTRAL BODY STEAL A DIAMOND?

That is the inference in the Case
of William McDonald,
Charged with Theft.

In a Hypnotic State When Budner's
Gem Was Snatched on
the Bowery.

MAHATMA FAILS A PROFESSOR.

Wines Could Not Bring a Magistrate
Under His Spell and the
Prisoner Was Held
for Trial.

Then, leaving my material body in a profound
trance upon the mountains of Tibet, I was
drawn in my astral form in and out of the
brilliantly illuminated buildings along the Boe-
vard des Capucines in Paris. And in one of these
places I witnessed a most remarkable dance—
Meditations of a Mahatma.

The question at issue in the case of the
People vs. William McDonald is this: Is
a man, while in a hypnotic trance, leg-
ally responsible for the eccentricities of
his astral body?

It happened this way: William Budner, an
eminently practical man, who lives at No.
121 Ridge street, was walking through
First street last Thursday night in the
company of his aunt and his uncle, when
two men attacked him, and, without as
much as "By your leave," laid violent
hands upon his diamond and his watch
and his chain. A policeman witnessed the
attack and caught one of the men, but un-
der cover of the darkness the other es-
caped.

The following day Mr. Budner saw a
man who, so he swears, was the compan-
ion of the fellow who was caught. He
called a policeman and had the man ar-
rested. This was William McDonald.

PSYCHOLOGY IN ESSEX MARKET.
The case came up for examination in
the Essex Market Police Court yesterday.
If there is a place in town that is more
thoroughly saturated with psychic elements
than any other place, it is the Essex Mar-
ket Police Court. The complete story of
the uncanny happenings in this court
would fill volumes. The place is disinfected
and fumigated regularly, but to no avail.
Queer things continue to happen there.

William McDonald entered this mystic
atmosphere yesterday with an air of tri-
umph. Behind him walked eight men with
piercing eyes. The first of these was Pro-
fessor G. S. Wines, a master of the art
of hypnotism, mesmerism and magnetism.
The others were his pupils. They, too,
could hypnotize, mesmerize and magnetize.

While a number of minor cases was be-
ing disposed of, the Professor glanced non-
chalantly around the courtroom, as if to
get his eyes in readiness for work. He
tried a policeman. The man grew red in
the face, looked around the court room,
found a woman who had no seat and
brought her a chair. The Professor was
satisfied. His eye had not lost its power.

"William McDonald!" cried the clerk.
The prisoner stepped promptly to the rail
and announced that he had an alibi—a
clear, incontrovertible, cast-iron alibi. The
Professor took the stand.

"That man is innocent," he said. "I
will prove it right here and now."
COULDN'T MAGNETIZE BRANN.

He fixed his eyes upon Magistrate Brann
and glared. Magistrate Brann, however,
did not "trill."

"Go on with your story," he said, curi-
ously. The Professor then deposed that Wil-
liam McDonald was peculiarly sensitive to
hypnotic influence, so much so that he had
hired him as a subject for his pupils to
begin on. In other words, McDonald was
a species of professional trill.

"Upon the night in question," said the
Professor, "the prisoner was in my house,
at No. 484 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, and
at the moment that the complaint was
received, William McDonald was in a hypo-
notic trance."

The Professor looked at the Magistrate
to note the effect of this statement. The
Magistrate reflected. While not knowing
any Mahatma personally, he was more or
less familiar with their mysterious habits.
He hesitated. He knew that if a man's
corporeal being was under the influence of
a hypnotic spell, his astral body became
released and was no longer under his
control. It combined the wonderful powers
of a walking delegate and a Police Com-
missioner and could go where it pleased
and do as it wished. All these thoughts
and more crowded into the Magistrate's
mind until, with a burst of inspiration, he
decided to submit the whole case to one
crucial test.

"Do you think it possible," he asked of
the Professor, "that a diamond stud can be
hypnotized off a man's shirt front?"

MAHATMA DESERTED WINES.

The Professor closed his eyes and frowned.
For a moment he was plunged in thought.
But his Mahatma went back on him and he
could give no answer. The lawyer came
forward and announced that the Professor's
pupils were all willing to swear that they,
too, had seen McDonald in a trance that
night, but the Magistrate shook his head.

"I will not listen to this," he said.
"There is a conflict of evidence, and a jury
must decide it. The prisoner is held."

The police came forward afterward and
assured the Magistrate that McDonald had
a prison record and had been convicted for
robbery before. But the Magistrate merely
smiled. The hypothetical question was
enough for him.

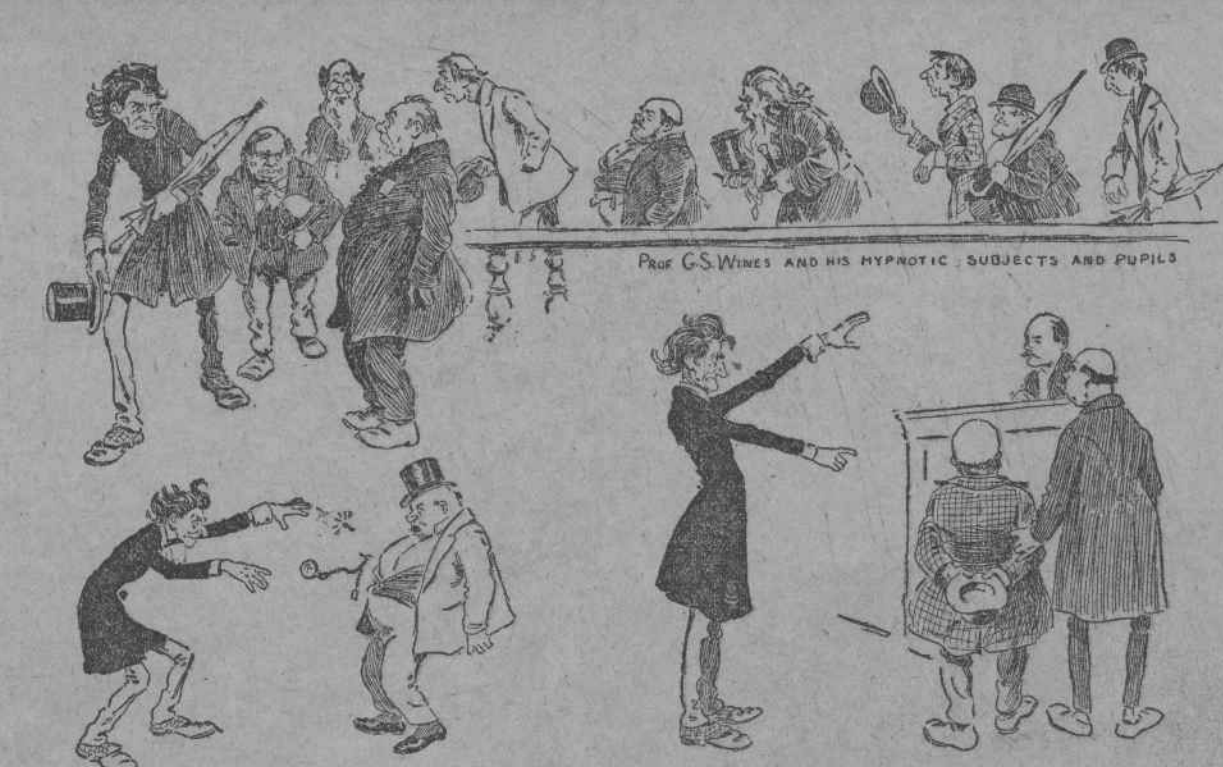
SARONY'S BIG ART SALE.

The Entire Collection of Thirty Years
Is to Be Auctioned
Off.

The entire art collection of Napoleon
Sarony, the well-known photographer, will
be offered for sale in the American Art
Galleries to-day and to-morrow. Sarony
started the collection thirty years ago. It
consists of a thousand different articles
from various countries, including many
Indian relics and Sarony's own work in
black and white.

The sale is due to the artist's resolve to
move his studios from Union square to
Fifth avenue and Twenty-ninth street.

Carpenters Begin Their Campaign.
Chicago, March 30.—The Spring campaign
of the Carpenters' Union opened to-day, and
before noon a number of strikes had been
called in various parts of the city. Pursuant
to resolutions adopted, every member of the
union refused to work for a contractor who
had joined the Carpenters and Builders' As-
sociation, and signed the agreement made
by the latter and the Carpenters' Executive
Council, giving the men eight hours a day
and thirty-five cents an hour. It is ex-
pected that the strike will affect work on
the Coliseum or any other large building.



PROF. G. S. WINES AND HIS HYPNOTIC SUBJECTS AND PUPILS

HYPNOTISM GETS A SET-BACK FROM A PRACTICAL MAGISTRATE.

Professor Wines and a number of his subjects and pupils tried to prove in Essex Market Court that William McDonald, who is charged with stealing Mr. Budner's diamond in a hypnotic condition in Brooklyn when the crime was committed. The Magistrate wanted to know if McDonald's astral body could have committed the crime, but the professor was silent. So the alleged highwayman was held for trial.

CONVENTION PLANS MADE.

Sub-Committee of the Republican National
Body Meets and Completes
Arrangements.

St. Louis, Mo., March 30.—The sub-com-
mittee of the Republican National Com-
mittee met at the Southern Hotel to-day and
completed arrangements, so far as lay in
its province, for the convention. All the
members of the committee left on night
trains. Those in attendance were Thomas
H. Carter, chairman; J. H. Manley, J. W.
Pifer, W. M. Hanna, James S. Clarkson,
Powell Clayton, R. C. Kerens, Clark
Ewing, and proxy for Senator Payne. The
committee was accompanied by Timothy E.
Byrnes of Minneapolis, sergeant-at-arms.

The committee did not visit the site of
the proposed convention hall, but examined
and approved the plans. The question of
employing non-union labor on the building
was referred to the local committee, which
agreed that only union men should be em-
ployed.

Applications for seats have been surpris-
ingly heavy. A sub-committee was ap-
pointed to build a building covering the en-
tire city of St. Louis to accommodate them
all. Late this afternoon the committee
will be seated on Monday, June 15, by the
sub-committee. The sub-committee decided that the distribu-
tion of press tickets to the convention will be
made by the Press Committee of St. Louis. But
all applications for press tickets should be di-
rected to Mr. E. Byrnes, sergeant-at-arms,
Minneapolis, Minn.

All applications for seats to be distributed
to distinguished guests throughout the country
should also be made to Mr. Byrnes, at Minne-
apolis. Each delegate will receive, by the ser-
geant-at-arms, his own, and people from each
State and Territory desiring admission to the
convention will have to apply to the delegates
to the convention from their respective States, for
tickets.

The tickets for members of the Grand Army
of the Republic are to be given to the National
Council of Administration and distributed by
their direction. All tickets to the convention
will be issued on Monday, June 15, by the ser-
geant-at-arms, at the convention building. The
contract for engraving the tokens for the con-
vention was awarded to Woodward & Tien-
man Printing Company, of St. Louis.

Senator Carter, whose pronounced views
on the silver question have been heralded
throughout the country, expressed himself
as follows to-day:

"As for politics, everybody knows how I
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legates, and we have two more from Massa-
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are well contented and confident. The con-
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longer."

"I take it," he continued, "that all estimates
as to the strength of the Reed and silver
forces in either party in Montana as to silver.
There are no Reed men in Montana. I am
for a Republican candidate. I should say it
is for Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania."
Mr. Manley laughed heartily when Senator
Carter's remark was quoted to him.

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